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Application No.: 09/438,247  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSOR PROCESSING IMAGE DATA IN  
PARALLEL WITH A PLURALITY OF PROCESSORS  
Confirmation No.: 9067  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/01290  
Filed: November 12, 1999  
Group Art Unit: 2625  
Examiner: Yosef Kassa

**MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

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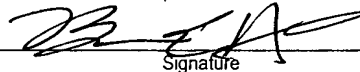
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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003,  
which provides for a response period ending November 12, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: